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SUBJ: GOC INTERIOR MINISTER'S MOSCOW VISIT

REF: NICOSIA 1525

1. ACCORDING TO CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR HADJIMILTIS, THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE AT ALL TO THE VISIT HERE BY CYPRIOT INTERIOR/ DEFENSE MINISTER VENIAMIN.

2. HADJIMILTIS CONFIRMED THAT CRECHKO INVITED VENIAMIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOVIET VE-DAY CELEBRATIONS AND SIAD THAT THE CYPRIOT HAD PAID A COURTESY CALL ON GRECHKO, HIS HOST. HOWEVER, HADJIMILTIS CLAIMED VENIAMIN HELD NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET MFA OR OTHER OFFICIALS, ADDING THAT HE DOES NOT THINK THE SOVIETS ARE BEING VERY ACTIVE ABOUT CYPRUS.

3. COMMENT: TURKS HERE ARE EXPECTEDLY AGITATED ABOUT THE CYPRIOT VISIT. TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICER WHO DEALS WITH CYPRUS AFFAIRS CALLED ON US MARCH 12 TO ASK
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WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT VENIAMIN'S STAY AND APPEARED

CONVINCED THERE WAS MORE TO IT THAN CEREMONY. WE HAVE
NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE TURKISH SUSPICIONS,
HOWEVER. WHETHER THIS WAS MORE THAN A ROUTINE VISIT
OR NOT,WE SUSPECT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOT AVERSE TO
ADVERTISING BY VENIAMIN'S PUBLICLY REPORTED PRESENT HERE THAT
THEY EXPECT TO BE A FACTOR IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION.
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